

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Canceled)
2. (Canceled)
3. (Previously Presented) A gallium nitride-based compound semiconductor device comprising:
  - a substrate;
  - a first superlattice layer which is formed above the substrate and in which an n-type AlGa<sub>N</sub> layer and an n-type Ga<sub>N</sub> layer are alternately layered;
  - a multiple quantum well layer which is formed above the first superlattice layer and in which a Ga<sub>N</sub>-based quantum well layer and a Ga<sub>N</sub>-based quantum barrier layer are alternately layered;
  - a second superlattice layer which is formed above the multiple quantum well layer and in which a p-type AlGa<sub>N</sub> layer and a p-type Ga<sub>N</sub> layer are alternately layered;
  - a buffer layer, a first Ga<sub>N</sub>-based layer which is formed above the buffer layer, and an n-type Ga<sub>N</sub>-based layer which is formed above the first Ga<sub>N</sub>-based layer are provided between the substrate and the first superlattice layer;
  - a second Ga<sub>N</sub>-based layer is provided between the first superlattice layer and the multiple quantum well layer; and
  - a p-type Ga<sub>N</sub> layer is provided above the second superlattice layer;wherein the first Ga<sub>N</sub>-based layer has a structure in which an Si<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub> layer is inserted in a Ga<sub>N</sub> layer, and  
the second Ga<sub>N</sub>-based layer has an AlGa<sub>N</sub> layer.
4. (Previously Presented) A gallium nitride-based compound semiconductor device according to claim 3, wherein

a compositional ratio of Al in the GaN-based quantum barrier layer in the multiple quantum well layer is larger than compositional ratios of Al in the first superlattice layer and the second superlattice layer.

5. (Previously Presented) A gallium nitride-based compound semiconductor device according to claim 3, wherein

each of compositional ratios of Al in the AlGa<sub>N</sub> layers in the first superlattice layer and in the second superlattice layer is 5% or greater and 25% or smaller;

a compositional ratio of In in the InGa<sub>N</sub> quantum well layer or the AlInGa<sub>N</sub> quantum well layer in the multiple quantum well layer is 3% or greater and 20% or smaller;

a compositional ratio of Al in the AlGa<sub>N</sub> quantum barrier layer or the AlInGa<sub>N</sub> quantum barrier layer in the multiple quantum well layer is 1% or greater and 30% or smaller; and

a band gap of the quantum well layer is smaller than a band gap of the quantum barrier layer.

6. (Previously Presented) A gallium nitride-based compound semiconductor device according to claim 3, wherein

each of thicknesses of the AlGa<sub>N</sub> layer and the Ga<sub>N</sub> layer in the first superlattice layer is 1 nm or greater and 10 nm or smaller;

a thickness of the quantum well layer in the multiple quantum well layer is 1 nm or greater and 5 nm or smaller;

a thickness of the quantum barrier layer in the multiple quantum well layer is 2 nm or greater and 50 nm or smaller;

a thickness of the AlGa<sub>N</sub> layer in the second superlattice layer is 0.5 nm or greater and 10 nm or smaller; and

a thickness of the Ga<sub>N</sub> layer in the second super lattice layer is 0.5 nm or greater and 5 nm or smaller.

7. (Previously Presented) A gallium nitride-based compound semiconductor device according to claim 3, wherein

a thickness of the first GaN-based layer is 500 nm or greater and 3000 nm or smaller;  
a thickness of the n-type GaN-based layer is 500 nm or greater and 10000 nm or smaller;  
each of thicknesses of the AlGaIn layer and the GaN layer in the first superlattice layer is  
1 nm or greater and 10 nm or smaller;  
a thickness of the second GaN-based layer is 5 nm or greater and 100 nm or smaller;  
a thickness of the quantum well layer in the multiple quantum well layer is 1 nm or  
greater and 5 nm or smaller;  
a thickness of the quantum barrier layer in the multiple quantum well layer is 2 nm or  
greater and 50 nm or smaller;  
a thickness of the AlGaIn layer in the second superlattice layer is 0.5 nm or greater and 10  
nm or smaller;  
a thickness of the GaN layer in the second superlattice layer is 0.5 nm or greater and 5  
nm or smaller; and  
a thickness of the p-type GaN-based layer is 5 nm or greater and 50 nm or smaller.

8. (Previously Presented) A gallium nitride-based compound semiconductor device according to claim 3, wherein

each of thicknesses of the AlGaIn layer and the GaN layer in the first superlattice layer is  
1.5 nm or greater and 5 nm or smaller;  
a thickness of the quantum well layer in the multiple quantum well layer is 1 nm or  
greater and 2 nm or smaller;  
a thickness of the quantum barrier layer in the multiple quantum well layer is 6 nm or  
greater and 20 nm or smaller;  
a thickness of the AlGaIn layer in the second superlattice layer is 1 nm or greater and 6  
nm or smaller, and  
a thickness of the GaN layer in the second superlattice layer is 0.5 nm or greater and 3  
nm or smaller.

9. (Previously Presented) A gallium nitride-based compound semiconductor device according to claim 3, wherein

a thickness of the first GaN-based layer is 1500 nm or greater and 3000 nm or smaller;

a thickness of the n-type GaN-based layer is 1000 nm or greater and 2000 nm or smaller;  
each of thicknesses of the AlGaIn layer and the GaN layer in the first superlattice layer is  
1.5 nm or greater and 5 nm or smaller;  
a thickness of the second GaN-based layer is 20 nm or greater and 40 nm or smaller;  
a thickness of the quantum well layer in the multiple quantum well layer is 1 nm or  
greater and 2 nm or smaller;  
a thickness of the quantum barrier layer in the multiple quantum well layer is 6 nm or  
greater and 20 nm or smaller;  
a thickness of the AlGaIn layer in the second superlattice layer is 1 nm or greater and 6  
nm or smaller;  
a thickness of the GaN layer in the second superlattice layer is 0.5 nm or greater and 3  
nm or smaller; and  
a thickness of the p-type GaN-based layer is 10 nm or greater and 40 nm or smaller.

10. - 17. (Canceled)

18. (Previously Presented) A method for manufacturing a gallium nitride-based compound-semiconductor device according to claim 3, wherein

the buffer layer is formed on the substrate at a temperature of 450° C or higher and 600°  
C or lower;  
the first GaN-based layer, the n-type GaN-based layer, and the first superlattice layer are  
sequentially formed on the buffer layer at a temperature of 1050° C or higher and  
1100° C or lower;  
the second GaN-based layer and the multiple quantum well layer are sequentially formed  
on the first superlattice layer at a temperature of 800° C or higher and 900° C or  
lower; and  
the second superlattice layer and the p-type GaN-based layer are sequentially formed on  
the multiple quantum well layer at a temperature of 950° C or higher and 1025° C  
or lower.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Previously Presented) A gallium nitride-based compound semiconductor device according to claim 3, further comprising:

an n electrode which is connected to the n-type GaN-based layer;

a p electrode which is connected to the p-type GaN-based layer; and

a power supply which applies a voltage between the n electrode and the p electrode.

21. (Canceled)

22. (Canceled)